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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 5 February 1965

General Carter was in the Chair as Acting DCI.

Current Intelligence Briefing covered South Vietnam, including the Bundy/Khanh meeting, the postponement of the DeSoto patrol and aerial reconnaissance during the Kosygin visit, and the fact that [redacted] [redacted]; Cyprus shows signs of heating up; mopping up taking place in Laos with Phoumi and Siho missing; Kosygin is in Peiping enroute to Hanoi; ChiCom announcement of support for a People's Front in northeast Thailand; nothing new in re [redacted]

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General Carter observed that the postponement of the DeSoto patrol and aerial reconnaissance was at State Department initiative.

General Carter directed that the information about ChiCom support for a People's Front in Thailand [redacted]

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DDP reported that Henry Rowen is planning to join BOB.

DDS&T reported on the status of CORONA 1017 which has been taken off the launching pad for fixes and on CORONA 1018 which is on R minus 7 now. General Carter noted that USIB yesterday had decided that 1017 would not go until some time after 20 February.

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DDS&T read a report from the Karachi morning news concerning the upcoming ChiCom nuclear test. [redacted]

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DDS&T reported that there were two flights [redacted] yesterday and that he would be visiting [redacted] Monday and Tuesday.

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[redacted] reported that Trinkl is continuing to be briefed and will see Sherman Kent today. This led to a lengthy discussion of DOD interest in Intelligence Estimates and costing information.

Houston reported on Congressman Seldon's request for a briefing of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee dealing with Latin America. Chairman Morgan does not support the request.

Houston reported that the DCI is scheduled to begin his meetings with the Mahon Committee on Monday. Jack Smith noted that briefing materials have been completed and are ready for DCI.

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Chretien reported that [redacted] has won the [redacted] Award and publicity will be given to her today.

Executive Director briefed the group on the DCI's 2 3/4 hour meeting with the PFIAB yesterday.

General Carter asked DDS&T to provide certain advice relating to the call on DDCI on 3 February by [redacted]

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General Carter noted that DCI had briefed the President's Board members at dinner last night on the history of the sessions with Ross and Wise concerning the Invisible Government.

General Carter inquired into the status of the [redacted] visit to the US and the status of preparations to brief [redacted] on the implications of the [redacted]

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General Carter noted that we had sent information cables to various NE and FE Chiefs of Station [redacted] He said he would be in touch with Secretary Ball later this morning to discuss an official US announcement. Consensus was that we favored such an announcement but hoped it would be held up until 12 February following Ray Cline's briefing of [redacted]

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[redacted] replied in the negative when asked by General Carter if the DCI had signed the letter to Vance about the NRO budget.

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